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LESSONS FOR THE SENATE

GOVERNMENT MEASURES

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PARIS, March 9.
M. Millerand, the President, M. Briand, the Premier, M. Delasteyrie, Manager of the Bank of France and several prominent financiers conferred at the Elysee this morning with regard to measures necessary to improve the financial situation and restore the franc.

The Government intends to impress upon the Senate the urgency of passing new financial measures for rapidly reducing expenditure and ending the loan policy.

It is understood that the Bank of France will continue to associate itself with the Government's efforts.

(Many reasons are advanced for the sensational fall of the franc which is causing consternation in France. The fundamental weakness is attributed *inter alia* to the Ruhr policy and the French Government's refusal to impose adequate taxation owing to the people's disinclination to bear it.)

PARIS, March 9.

The Senate Finance Committee examined M. Poincaré's financial proposals the whole of yesterday morning and passed a number of articles, but amended others.

The Committee up to the present has approved the four milliard francs increased taxation. The commission remains hostile to investing Government with power to form regulations having the force of law.

GREEK POLITICS

NEW GOVERNMENT'S PLANS

OVERTHROW OF DYNASTY

ATHENS, March 9.

M. Papanaftassiou, the Republican leader, is said to be endeavouring to form a Cabinet including politicians of all shades in the present Assembly.

The new Government's programme will include the overthrow of the dynasty by the Assembly without a plebiscite.

The question of the change in the constitution will be settled by a plebiscite at an opportune moment.

At present it is arranged for M. Venizelos to leave Greece on March 10, via Brindisi.

ATHENS, March 8.

[A sequel to the fresh crisis has been evoked by a group of Army officers backing up the Republican demand for the immediate deposition of the Dynasty. A delegation of officers was recently received by the Regent, after Premier Cafandaris had refused to receive them.]

IRISH UNREST

LONDON, March 9.

Wholesale demobilisation of the Irish National Army culminating in the discharge of over 900 officers during the past week led to trouble in several military centres.

A number of demobilised officers at Templemore went off with machine guns, rifles, and ammunition. An armoured car was sent to round them up.

Two officers of high rank sent a letter to the President charging the Government with failure to interpret the treaty in accordance with the spirit of the Irish people, with the result that the military are endeavouring to arrest them for insubordination.

They complain that the latest demobilised lists contain too many officers who participated in the Anglo-Irish struggle.

There is great military activity in Dublin. Guards have been doubled, and leave has been cancelled.

PIQUANT POLITICS

LONDON, March 9.

There is a piquant situation in the Westminster Abbey Division where after numerous prominent Conservatives announced their support of Mr. Churchill, Mr. Baldwin has issued a letter stating that the Conservative opponent Mr. Nicholson should receive the whole-hearted support of the Unionist Party.

Mr. Churchill had just published his election address emphatically declaring his intention to support Mr. Baldwin and the Conservative party.

MULTUM IN PARVO.

MINIA'S GOLF AT
LONDON.

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One hour	30
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Half hour	30
One hour	40
Every subsequent hour	30
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Quarter hour	20
Half hour	30
One hour	40
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M. E. JESSEN,
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Hongkong, 21st February, 1924.

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MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1924.

THE CHINA MAIL.

INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD.

NOTICE OF CALL.

Issue of 95,000 Shares of the Nominal Value of \$10 each, (\$7.50 paid up).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Final Call of \$2.50 per Share on each of the 95,000 Shares allotted on the 8th day of November, 1922, has been made by the Company, and that such call will be payable to the Company's Bankers, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, in Hongkong, on the 16th day of March, 1924.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 8th to 15th March, both days inclusive.

For and on behalf of the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Co. Ltd.

S. COURTNEY COOK,
Secretary.
Dated this 22nd day of February, 1924.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 20th March 1924, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1923.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER Books will be closed from the 8th to the 20th March 1924 (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1924.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 22nd March, 1924, at 11.30 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended the 31st December, 1923, confirming the appointment of Directors, and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Friday the 14th March 1924 until Saturday the 22nd March 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PERCY H. SUCKLING,
Secretary.

Hongkong 6th March, 1924.

NOTICE.

H.K. DOG AND CAT SHOW.

BY kind permission of the Officer Commanding the Hongkong Defence Corps, a Show will be held in the Parade Ground on Saturday, 15th March at 2 p.m. There will be classes for all kinds of dogs, including cross-breeds and puppies, also litters of puppies. If sufficient entries are received there will be classes for cats also.

Entries may be had from the undersigned.

Entries close on Tuesday 11th instant at 5 p.m. and intending competitors are notified that owing to the trouble in compiling the catalogue no entries can possibly be accepted after that date.

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EXTRA RACE MEETINGS will be held on the following dates in 1924 (weather permitting)

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C. B. BROWN
(Secretary)

Hongkong, 6th March, 1924.

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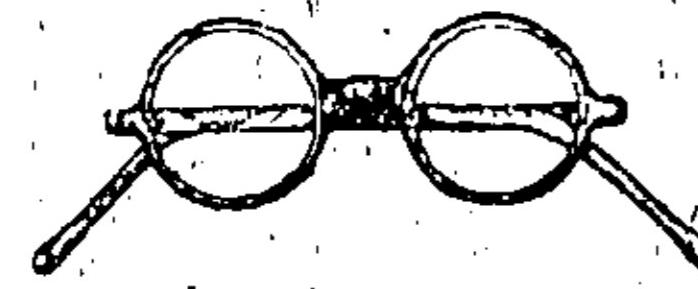


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DEATH.

EDWARDS.—At the French Hospital, at 5.30 a.m. on Monday, March 10, 1924, James Edwards, aged 65 years. Native of Greenock. Late Chief Engineer of the s.s. "Tai Ming." Funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG MONDAY, MAR. 10, 1924.

DAMN!

Of the barnacles attached to our glorious language, those which "age cannot wither etc." are undoubtedly what are known as swear words. They are not the particular property of any trade, profession, or calling but the possession of most people who find restraint of tongue particularly in these humid regions—an impossibility. Some of them are multitudinous in paroxysms—expressing much in little, whilst as easements and aids to a fairly normal state of nerves, their attributes in this respect have never been questioned. The most popular—judging it by the frequency with which it is heard—is the one whose name appears at the head of this Note. It belongs to no class of society—we confess to having heard Clerics use it—and is capable of a meaning beyond mere ordinary ability sometimes to indicate. Thus when the

A New Peace Plan.

The American Bok Peace Plan is generally known. So far it has not solved peace, but brought upon it the innuendos and accusations common to a certain class of politics in the States. The successful plan—that is the plan that won Mr. Bok's huge prize—is being broadcasted over America and votes for and against it are being solicited. Mr. Henry Ford was to have entered "the competition but "overlooked" it, and now offers his own plan in four clear words. They are "Make Everybody Speak English"—which he describes as "very simple and would if put into effect, absolutely insure international peace." We ourselves would like to insert the word "almost" in front of absolutely. There are facts which show clearly that a knowledge of English has not prevented people from fighting, although as a general thing a universal spoken language would be a great deterrent to the pursuit of war. Two words in Mr. Ford's plan seem to us to spoil it. Make is one; and everybody another. You cannot make people do things for which they may see no reason. The Frenchman may rightly argue that his language is as good as others that could be named and might say "make everybody speak French." The other word is everybody, and there is no need to enlarge on the stupendous nature of the newest of the many proposals to ensure peace. The best wording would be "Urge everybody to speak English." Would not greater opportunities for the peoples of the world to co-mingle tend to greater understanding? Travelling facilities should be made easier and within the reach of most people. It is understanding that is needed. The slogan might be: "Make everybody get understanding."

A Promising Sign.

In no single act of the new Labour Government in England since it has assumed office has it behaved more circumspectly than in the attitude it is credited with having adopted towards the Imperial Conference resolutions. According to a *Reuter's* cable message, these resolutions will be moved in the House of Commons from the Treasury bench, and submitted to a free vote. To the Dominion representatives who took part in the Conference and to the Governments and people of the Dominions this announcement, supposing it to be authoritative, must be entirely satisfactory. As the present British Ministers were not in office when the Imperial Conference was in session, and had neither part or lot, in the decisions there arrived at, and as at least some of these decisions might conceivably be held to conflict with the fiscal policy on which the Labour Party went to the country, some anxiety was felt as to the line that would be taken, legislatively, in respect of them. There is now, however, reason to hope, especially as Mr. Ramsay Macdonald and his colleagues are reported to hold in the highest respect the body from which they have emanated, that the resolutions will, in the main if not in their entirety, commend themselves to a majority of the House.

INSULT TO INJURY.—The other night two little Hongkong men, both exuding that suggestion of pomposity which one associates with little men, were waiting for a tram. The tram came, but dashed past without stopping, the motorman not even deigning to clang his bell. One disconsolate little man turned to the other equally disconsolate little man. "I knew we were small," he said, "but I thought he could see us."

IN THE LONDON INVOLVED.—*Daily Express* quotes an English sentence, which although, perhaps, a trifle involved in its way extremely impressive. An old nurse asks a child, avid after literary entertainment: "Whatever made you choose that book to be read to out of front for?"

SYNCOPATED.—*Daily Express* says not to be atdone by the "Lodon Daily News" to be "Syncopated."—Your husband is suffering," said the doctor, from syncopated heart. Much impressed, the pair returned home and consulted the dictionary. When they read, "Syncopated—moving quickly from bar to bar," their already high opinion of the doctor became a matter of awe."

British prestige has ANOTHER received another KNOCK. M. D. Lenglen, because a decision was given against her in a lawn tennis match, refused to play, declaring, "It is unfair; the English are pigs." In the face of the little Frenchwoman's fury, the

English umpire resigned, and M. D. Lenglen played on. The incident of course, has the sanction of established precedent, with M. D. Lenglen in the role of M. Poincaré and the umpire in the place of British politicians. It is cabled that M. D. Lenglen and her partner won "comfortably," a statement which reveals an unsuspected sense of humour in the cabler. Whatever the pig in lack, it possesses one virtue that M. D. Lenglen lacks—it confines its expressions of disapproval to a

"Motorcar turnsturle," RIDDLE says a Press report. This metamorphosis suggests an adaptation of an old conundrum. "When is a motor car not a motor?" "When it turns turtle."

QUICK RETORT.—A London paper declares that during the recent election campaign a candidate had been severely heckled all the evening, but when a voice from the audience hurled the epithet "two-faced" at him he sprang to his feet. "Ladies and gentlemen," he exclaimed, "do you suppose that if I possessed two faces I should be wearing this one?"

The same story, in a slightly different and, we think, a more effective form, was told of the late Sir George Reid something over a quarter of a century ago. Replying to the same taunt Reid drawled: "I have the advantage of my friend at the back. If he possessed two faces I am sure he would not have come out with that one."

EVEN THAT.—The story, which follows may be just as hoary, but it is perhaps new to some: *Tory Candidate*: Let me tax your memories... *A Voice*: What! Memories, too!

To-day's Poem.

(Imagination.)
If I could find a higher tree,
Farther and farther I should see,
To where the grown-up river slips
Into the sea among the ships.

To where the roads on either hand
Lead onward into fairy land,
Where all the children dine at
five,
And all the playthings come alive.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

MARCH 10.

1798. We all passed the morning in sauntering about the park and gardens, the children playing about, the old man at the top of the hill gathering furze; interesting groups of human creatures, the young frolicking and dancing in the sun, the elders quietly drinking in the life and soul of the sun and air. — Dorothy Wordsworth.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENT'S.

March 10.—Coronet Theatre; Pola Negri in "Gypsy Blood."
March 10.—Star Theatre; Douglas McLean in "Let's Be Fashionable."
March 10.—World Theatre; Roy Stewart in "Burning Words."
March 13.—Theatre Royal; Grand Orchestral Concert, 9.15 p.m.

March 14.—Theatre Royal; fare-well return visit of Kaal's Hawaiian Troubadours, 9.15 p.m.

March 29.—Theatre Royal, Grand Concert, 9.15 p.m.

SOCIAL.

March 11.—Master E. Danen-berg's first public recital in St. Andrews' Hall (Theatre Royal), 5.30 p.m.

March 15.—Fourth annual dinner of Queen's College Old Boys Assn., 8 p.m.

March 17.—Hongkong Football Club dinner in the Hongkong Hotel, 7.30 p.m.

SPORT.

March 29.—H.K. Jockey Club extra race meeting.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

March 18.—Lammet Bros., at Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, electric furnaces, etc., etc. Noon.

March 11.—Lammet Bros., at Godown No. 18, Kowloon, 500 cases Canadian salted herrings, 11 a.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

March 14.—Extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, 11.30 a.m.

March 15.—A. S. Watson & Co., thirty-ninth annual meeting of the Hongkong Hotel, 11 a.m.

REVIEW.

March 20.—Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., ordinary yearly meeting at 2, Queen's Building, noon.

March 22.—Yearly Meeting of Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd., 11.30 a.m.

March 27.—Fifty-fifth meeting of shareholders of the H.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, noon.

March 29.—Further extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, 11 a.m.

DOG AND CAT SHOW.

March 15.—In the Parade Ground, H.K. Dog and Cat Show, 2 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

From Berlin *Reuter* cables that the Hamburg dockers have decided to strike to-morrow.

An application by Revenue Officer Ward was granted by Mr. J. R. Wood this morning for the confiscation of 1,600 ounces of morphine (valued at about \$400 a pound) seized in 19 cases marked Hongkong 1/19 in No. 23 godown, Kowloon, on March 6.

A report has been made to the police that Chou Fook-hung, a sub-contractor, while working on the roof of a sawmill at the Cosmopolitan Dock yesterday afternoon, had the misfortune to be dropped thirty feet through the roof giving way. He was killed instantaneously.

From Macao comes the report that the leading Chinese merchants, in conjunction with the directors of the Kei Wo hospital, have held a further meeting to discuss the proposals advanced by the Macao legislature for taxes on merchandise. The Chinese state that strenuous representations will be made to Government.

Thieves have been busy breaking street gas-lamps on the upper levels during the last few days. This has been particularly noticeable on Conduit and Hatton Roads where the glass of the lamps have been broken and the burners stolen. A previous epidemic of thefts from street-lamps, several years ago, is recalled when the Gas Company offered rewards for arrest of the culprits.

After several demands in police custody, the six Chinese charged with piracy of the ss. "Tai Lee" were discharged by Mr. J. R. Wood this morning. These men were arrested in Hongkong, Canton and Macao and were alleged to have absconded from the ship in company with the pirates at East Ma Ning. Mr. T. M. Hazlrigg, Assistant Crown Solicitor, was in Court this morning and said that he had no evidence to offer.

The transport s.s. "Sicilia" arrived at Hongkong this morning with several officers and married families aboard. Among those who disembarked were Lieut.-Col. Bacchus, R.A.F.C., Major Lewis, R.A.M.C., Capt. Davies, R.A.M.C. and Mrs. Cooper, wife of Lieut. Cooper of the East Surreys. The "Sicilia" will leave to-morrow with a small draft of the Loyalty Regiment under Lieut. Bulling, for North China.

A reproduction of the Canton customs brokers' dispute seems to have been enacted recently, according to the vernacular papers. It is stated that Chinese soldiers have boarded junks from Hongkong and demanded levies but that the junk-owners, who invariably pay on behalf of the consignees, pointed out that they are already losing on exchange and that freight rates are low.

The hint seems to be in the direction that when the junks make their declarations at the station before reaching Canton, they do not give the full value and weights, hence the military interference. No settlement has yet been arrived at.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Rev. Bishop C. F. Moisher arrived in the Colony this morning by the "Arafura."

A *Reuter* cable from New York reports the death of Mr. Alfred Smith, President of the New York Central Railroad who was killed through being thrown from a horse in Central Park.

Mrs. R. F. C. Master, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Sayer, Dr. and Mrs. M. Harston, and the Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Featherstone left for home by the "Karmala" on Saturday.

A *New York* cable through *Reuter's American Services* states that Archbishop Hayes of New York and Archbishop Mundelein of Chicago sailed on the Berengaria for Rome, where they are to be elevated to the Cardinalate. Five thousand persons thronged the pier and farewelled the prelates, the hand-shaking delaying the liner's departure.

NEWS AT LAST.

MISSING LAUNCH MYSTERY.

SOME PASSENGERS RETURN.

LIGHT ON THE "KWONG SHUN" AFFAIR.

Several events took place during the week-end all connected with the disappearance of the ferry launch "Kwong Shun" the Sunday before last. One fact definitely established is that the launch did not sink or meet with accident. She was forcibly taken away by a gang of pirates, or rather bandits, and her approximate location can now be surmised with some certainty.

Eighteen passengers have been released by the bandits and have returned to Hongkong. On Sunday a body was found in the Yau Ma Tei refuge. Subsequently a bullet hole was noticed in the body and it is conjectured that the body was connected with the missing launch. Later when the passengers stated that no shot was fired this impression was removed, but the body has not yet been identified.

There is also a report that a Chinese detective from Macao has been here to make a statement that he has ascertained where the "Kwong Shun" is to be found. The other parts of his report more or less agree with the observations of the liberated passengers.

This morning it was gathered that no others have returned and that no reports of letters demanding ransom have been made to the police. It was stated that the police and naval authorities were concentrating on the vicinity indicated and that a minute search would be made but that there would be no landing party. The Chinese authorities at Kongmoo are quoted as having promised the necessary assistance on land and representations would be made to them to obtain the release of the kidnapped passengers.

From what was told to a *China Mail* man by one of the coolies who were released, it appears that there were ten pirates, seven of whom had fire-arms. When the launch was about half-way to Hongkong, the wheel held up the coxswain at the wheel and threatened the eighty or so passengers. Control was secured in a few minutes and a course was set due west. The passengers were assembled from both decks and driven into the hold. Lights were put out but it is believed that some of the passengers threw their money and valuables overboard so as not to attract the attention of the robbers when the search was to be made. Our informant states that the passage was very rough and there were a few who were tempted to sneak overboard but for the cold. At seven on Monday morning the launch put in at a place which is believed to be Cheng On village, in Lai Wan, where there was a small stone pier. Before landing the passengers had been stripped but there was little money or jewellery. An hour's march brought them to the stronghold where the chief, who was known as Wong Ng, ordered an examination. All the passengers, including eleven women and a number of children, had their hands and feet inspected. Those who had the appearance of being other than artisans were kept aside while, fourteen coolies employed by one firm and two other coolies, were kept separately in a small hut.

Awe-inspiring sights presented themselves when the coolies had a chance of looking round. Our informant says that he saw one man who must have been in captivity for months as his hair was nearly a foot long and he spent his time catching the lice in his clothing.

One of the gang threatened to brain the child of a woman captive because he cried. The coolie saw the child taken from its mother but does not know what became of it.

In the small hours of Saturday night, the sixteen coolies were awakened and together with two poor women were told that they were to be set free as the chief's policy was to rob the rich to relieve the poor. They were escorted by two bandits holding hand-lanterns in front and two with revolvers behind and had a walk which the coolie compared as "from Kennedy Town to Quarry Bay" before they were put in a sampan. Here the guards left them with a parting injunction that if they met any sampan-ferries they were to say that they were travelling under the orders of Wong Ng, the Elder Brother, and they would be given a free passage. A dollar in Canton coins was given each of the released captives for their show. They ultimately reached Pak-kai where they boarded the "On Lee" which arrived in Hongkong after midnight on Saturday, or rather the Sunday morning. On arrival in Hongkong they were taken to Central Station where statements were taken.

When Messrs. Hall Bruton & Co. informed the Club on February 20 that the lost ticket had been found, they asked to be informed whether the guarantee was given, and the amount thereof, and the name of the guarantor. This application was made on behalf of Mrs. Violet Chan as owner of ticket No. 03066. A reply was received that the Chinese Club was unable to comply with the request.

On asking for a reconsideration of the decision, a reply was received on March 6 by Messrs. Hall Bruton & Co. from the Club's solicitors, Messrs. Lo & Lo, to the effect that the Club Committee were not prepared to reconsider their decision and there the matter stands.

CHINESE SOLOMON.

NEW PIRACY LAWS.

China Coast Officers' Attitude.

DRASTIC ACTION DEFERRED.

Government And The Guilds.

MR. FLETCHER DENIES DISCOURTESY.

Events during the week-end have confirmed the "China Mail's" announcement on Saturday that keen dissatisfaction existed amongst China Coast officers over the new piracy regulations and that an organised protest, which some people put as high as a general strike, was contemplated.

The combined meeting of the China Coast Officers' Guild and the Marine Engineers' Guild of China called for Sunday morning at West Point was largely attended. Some of those present were in favour of a strike ultimatum to shipowners but wisdom prevailed and the meeting finally decided that "no drastic action should be taken until such time as peaceful procedure is exhausted." Resolutions were also carried authorising the publication of the whole of the correspondence on the subject with the Hongkong Government and directing that the whole matter be submitted to the Home Government.

Further inquiries made by a "China Mail" reporter to-day go to show that the principal rock upon which the Government and the Guilds have split is the question of the officers' responsibility for defence. The Guilds claim that the defence should come from without (in the shape of armed escorts and convoys) and not from within at all and the Government take the stand that there must be a measure of both.

One of the Guilds' chief complaints, as voiced by Mr. T. T. Laurenson, assistant secretary of the China Coast Officers' Guild, was that the Guilds' representations to the Government in connection with the draft piracy regulations were ignored and not even acknowledged. This was denied by the Assistant Colonial Secretary (Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., C.B.E.) when interviewed this morning. Mr. Fletcher showed a "China Mail" reporter the file on the subject which includes letters from the Government specifically acknowledging the letters from the Guild which conveyed the China Coast Officers' views. In addition, Mr. Fletcher states that he and the Captain Superintendent of Police personally communicated to the Guild Secretaries the Government's attitude on the suggestions made.

GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE.

Mr. Fletcher Interviewed.

Interviewed this morning, the Assistant Colonial Secretary (Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., C.B.E.) denied that the Government had been guilty of discourtesy in dealing with the representations made to them by the Guilds. "On September 4th," said Mr. Fletcher, "we sent draft regulations to the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, the China Coast Officers' Guild and the Marine Engineers' Guild of China. We got a reply on September 12 from the two Guilds and they said that they generally disagreed with the regulations. On December 18 the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce gave a detailed criticism and we continued correspondence with them. On February 4 the Guilds addressed us again and they made a stipulation that all arms and armed guards required by the piracy regulations should be removed from every vessel."

This last mentioned letter was one of those which Mr. Laurenson alleged was "not even acknowledged" and the reporter pointed this out to Mr. Fletcher. The Assistant Colonial Secretary's reply was this out to Mr. Fletcher: "The Assistant Colonial Secretary's reply was to read out from the file the following reply which was, he said, forwarded by the Government to the Guilds on February 11:—"I am directed to inform you that the suggestions conveyed in your letter of 12th September are receiving the careful consideration of the Government which will also be given to those forwarded in your letter of the 4th February but it is unlikely that a detailed reply can be furnished in time for your proposed meeting on Sunday, 17th February."

"Then," queried the reporter, "a detailed reply was contemplated?"

"The Government's detailed reply," replied Mr. Fletcher, "is really the regulations. In addition, however, the Captain Superintendent of Police and myself saw representatives of the two guilds and informed them that their main contention that arms should be withdrawn from the ships could not be acceded to. That really disposed of the whole thing."

Replying to further questions, Mr. Fletcher said the Government had already informed the Guilds what it was prepared to do in the matter of convoys. The matter of compensation for injuries sustained by officers in the defence of their ships against pirates had not yet, he said, been finally settled.

An Explanation.

Feeling that there must be a misunderstanding somewhere a "China Mail" reporter rang up Mr. Laurenson this afternoon to ask whether the Government's letter of February 11 spoken of by Mr. Fletcher had ever been received.

Mr. Laurenson said that this letter of acknowledgement did not come to hand. He added with the draft regulations issued that he intended to convey in his letter of acknowledgement to him.

PIRACY EVIL

LATEST KONGMOON MEASURES.

CONVOY SYSTEM ADOPTED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PANKAI, KONGMOON, March 8.

Dr. Sui Yat-sen has ordered the larger gunboat "Kong Kee" to convoy all steamers leaving and entering this port. She is to accompany the merchant vessels as far as the Whampoa Customs and pick up the in-coming steamers there.

Other Chinese naval craft have been instructed to patrol the south-western waters of the Canton River delta.

A new form of terrorism has appeared in the neighbouring waters. The Kongmoon-Sheki ferry was fired at from the river banks when passing East Mt. Ning, and she ultimately did get to Sheki as the amount of blackmail demanded was paid.

H.M.S. "Robin" has paid its another visit, leaving in the direction of Ngai-ho, probably for the environs of Macao.

IRATE TENANTS.

TAKE THE LAW INTO THEIR OWN HANDS.

Two Police Court cases this morning threw an interesting sidelight on the vexed question of house demolition in the Colony, a question which has just necessitated legislation to prevent evasion of the Rents Ordinance. At the first reading, clause 4 was deleted with the result that notices with the proper certificates given before the Bill became law, held good. The cases concerned two houses for which the notices had expired.

Defendant in one case was the occupant of the second floor of No. 228, Des Voeux Road Central. When the owner's scaffolding men went to start work, he blew a police whistle for half an hour. Not only were a number of police officers attracted to the scene but the Fire Brigade also turned out.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton asked, in view of defendant's admission that the notice had expired, why he blew the whistle and defendant replied that he wanted to stop the workmen so that he could get his belongings away.

His Worship remarked that he would have had considerable sympathy with the defendant had he proceeded in an orderly manner instead of creating a disturbance. His Worship imposed a fine of \$5.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ defended another Chinese charged with assaulting an architect's representative at No. 67, Wellington Street. His Worship told defendant that if he had a grievance, he could have proceeded in a lawful way instead of assaulting the complainant. Defendant was bound over in the sum of \$50 for six months.

On a helicopter machine, of his own construction, M. Pescara has created a world record by rising vertically from a small circle, accomplishing a flight of a kilometre, and landing on the spot from which he took off.

Regulations, carefully and though he could find an abundance of such terms as "Resist to the uttermost," meaning resist until killed, there was not a single mention of shipowners making provision for the dependents of those who were killed. "Rudder cold comfort for the mariner who was expected to fight to the last, knowing full that his dependents were not provided for," commented Mr. Laurenson.

"We do not fulfil our duty. A great number of the ship's officers on the China Coast are Naval Reservists and they have done their bit during the War. They did not shrink danger then. They are not afraid now; all they ask for is consideration. During the war we went to help the Navy, and now it is the Navy's turn to help us."

Indian Guards' Unstable.

Mr. Laurenson brought the interview to a close by expressing the opinion that the Indian guards were really more annoying than useful. Those guards which had been shot, he ventured to say, had not been shot because they resisted but simply because they were armed. They could not be relied upon. This led Mr. Laurenson to pass

a comment on the grill system, a very dangerous system, he described it and illustrated his point by referring to a fact which so far has not been disclosed in connection with the stranding of the "Hengchun" recently. When the vessel struck the rock her grills were closed and the second and third class passengers were trapped below.

To prevent serious disaster the grills had to be unlosed before the grills could be opened. If this had not been done many passengers would probably have been drowned. The grills had been closed to prevent the crew from getting to the deck. The crew had to be unlosed to do it.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

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The account of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., for the year ended December 31, 1923, have been closed and show a profit of \$1,618,688.12.

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To write off Buildings \$ 75,000.00

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To place to Reserve for Chinese Tene-

ments..... 50,000.00

To place to Reserve for New Lighters 50,000.00

To place to Sugar Fluctuation Account 320,248.33

To place to Equaliza-

tion Fund..... 130,000.00

To pay a Bonus to Staff 27,676.03

To pay a Dividend of \$10 per share absorbing 800,000.00

To Carry forward to next account..... 40,763.76

Total..... \$1,618,688.20

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FIRST CLASS PASSENGER MISSING.

"STAR" FERRY MYSTERY.

As the "Star" Ferry "Northern Star" was crossing from Kowloon to Hongkong about 7.45 last night, a first-class passenger went from the upper deck to the second and third class accommodation on the lower deck and suddenly jumped overboard.

The coxswain at once stopped the launch and steamed about to look for the passenger but no trace was found at the time.

Some of the passengers state that the person was a European while others allege that they saw a Chinese jump over. There are still others who claim that it was a Chinese woman who jumped overboard.

The police have the matter in hand.

ENGLAND AND FRANCE.

PARIS, March 8.

The Foreign Office has issued in the form of a yellow book dealing with Inter-Allied negotiations regarding French security, a voluminous collection of letters and documents covering the period from January 1919 to December 1923. It does not reveal any secrets, but throws light on the abortive Anglo-French negotiations for a Treaty of Alliance.

Marshal Foch's memorandum urging the organisation of the Rhine as a military frontier is among the published documents.

The book is apparently designed to demonstrate in view of the possibility of a fresh conference that all French Governments since the armistice have been dominated by the same preoccupations, namely, to ensure the security of France against possible German aggression, once and for all; but without annexation of any part of Germany, which has not been contemplated.

It is emphasised that the policy of successive French Cabinets has been consistent and unvarying regarding this matter.—Reuter.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per P. & O. s.s. "Karnala" on Mar. 7.—Messrs L. J. Silvers, D. Timlin, E. Clark, Lt. Rev. Bishop and Mrs. Maloney, Rt. Rev. Bishop Morris, Messrs C. G. Mackie, W. A. Hawkes, A. Keay, Rev. Bishop Graves, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hyndman, Mr. M. E. Herodius, Mrs. P. L. Knight, Messrs F. R. Madura, Wang Man Hui, Lee Kien Lang Chang, Kit L. F. Sequira, Capt. and Mrs. A. St. C. Smith.

Per K. & C. s.s. "Arafrut" on Mar. 10.—Mr. D. B. Duff, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. H. H. and Mr. P. Hootan, Miss N. Hootan, Mr. and Mrs. Johnstone, Mr. P. K. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kennedy, Rev. Bishop G. F. Moosher, Miss D. C. Owen, Mrs. Evan Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Yan Kao.

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"PADUA"	5,697	12th Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
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"GOUDAN"	6,696	26th Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
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"SOUDAN"	6,698	23rd June	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"MOREA"	10,911	26th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARMALA"	9,098	12th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SICILIA"	6,813	24th July	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"MALWA"	10,908	24th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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"ARAFURA"	6,000	2nd Apr.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
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"KASHMIR"	6,051	25th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SOUUDAN"	6,698	4th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,600	6th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"PLASSY"	7,426	18th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KHIVA"	9,097	2nd May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"EASTERN"	4,000	13th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SICILIA"	6,813	18th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MOREA"	8,098	18th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	11th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SOUUDAN"	6,698	13th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,098	27th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,908	25th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,520	5th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SICILIA"	6,813	10th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DEVANHA."	8,092	11th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTRA"	10,902	25th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"EASTERN"	4,000	2nd Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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FOOTBALL

SATURDAY'S SOCCER

KOWLOON WIN SENIOR SEMI-FINAL,

The outstanding events of Saturday's Association football programme were the semi-finals in the H.K.F.A. Challenge Shield Competition:

The results were—

CHALLENGE SHIELD—SENIOR

Kowloon..... R.G.A. 0

CHALLENGE SHIELD—JUNIOR

Sport, Iroquois 0

JUNIOR LEAGUE—DIVISION II

Club de Recreo. The Club ran them off their feet and won by seven clear goals. Roche was responsible for four of the goals, Gosano, Two and Ogley the other.

CLUB DE RECRO v. SOUTH CHINA "B".

South China suffered through sending their weak team to meet the Club de Recro. The Club ran them off their feet and won by seven clear goals. Roche was responsible for four of the goals, Gosano, Two and Ogley the other.

INTERNATIONAL "BUGGER."

LONDON, March 8.

The International "Rugger" match was played in sunny weather before 45,000 people, including Their Royal Highnesses The Prince of Wales and the Duke of York.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Mr. J. H. Thomas.

Ireland beat Wales by 13 to 10.

PIERCE AND DETERMINED BATTLE.

After a quarter of an hour, a neat passing movement by the Irish three-quarters ended with Gardner scoring a try. Crawford converting. The Irishmen then played with tremendous dash, and a brilliant breakdown by the backs resulted in H. Stephenson scoring an unconverted try. The Welsh forwards controlled the ball splendidly in a series of foot-rushes, and finally Richards scored an unconverted try. At half-time the scores were: Ireland, 8; Wales, 3.

On resumption Wales attacked strongly, and after five minutes Watkins, the Welsh half-back, dropped a goal. An Irish raid resulted in Hewitt registering a try, Crawford converting.

After the interval, Kowloon were continually the aggressors, Roberts and Latham missing the net several times by inches. Roberts, finally scoring taking advantage of a temporary confusion between the R.G.A. goal keeper and the back. The Gunners recovered and forced the play to the end, but Reade's attempt was well saved by Duncan and Pilkington shot wide.

Before half time, Roberts followed up his previous success and added up his third goal.

After the interval, the game slackened. Kowloon losing their former dash and allowing the Gunners to make effective their one back game. Latham got the fourth goal however, by scoring from the rebound of his original attempt.

Kowloon showed a decided superiority all round. The Gunners were weakly combined and extremely disappointing at shooting. The whole game was hardly up to challenge shield standard. Kowloon have to meet the Surreys in the final.

TITANIA v. IROQUOIS.

If necessitated extra time to reach a decision between the sailor teams of the "Titania" and "Iroquois" at Seokkumpoo, "The Titania" containing the odd goal in the first portion and thus qualified to meet the "Marinazion" in the final for the Junior Challenge Shield. The play was evenly distributed throughout, lack of combination and initiative on both sides spoiling several promising movements. Bunton of the "Titania" missed two good chances in the first half, one being a free-kick just outside the penalty area. Bromfield, of the Iroquois, at one stage in the game sent in a stinging shot which Phillips only managed to save by throwing himself full length on the ground.

In the second half, Bunton missed again, but in the extra time he redeemed himself and scored the winning goal. It was a keenly contested game and the best of the day.

ST. JOSEPH'S v. UNIVERSITY.

On their own ground on the junior league, St. Joseph's beat the University by 2-0, Ward and Milne scoring the goals in the first and second halves.

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ASSOCIATION CUP (FOURTH ROUND).

Manchester City, 0; Cardiff, 0.

West Bromwich, 1; Aston Villa, 0.

Middlesbrough, 2; Blackburn, 0.

The following matches were not played:

Aston Villa, 0; Blackburn, 2.

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"UNDoubted PROGRESS."

The Church of England Diocesan Conference opened this afternoon at St. John's Cathedral Hall, and was marked by the presence of many of the visiting Bishops and delegates who are on their way to the General Synod at Canton.

The late afternoon session at 5.15 to 6.45 p.m. is open to the public. Presiding at the Conference, the Bishop of Victoria reviewed the history of the Diocese, stating that though there had been several setbacks in their work, the Diocese had made undoubted progress.

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

The Bishop said:— In May we shall enter upon the seventy-fifth year of our story as a Diocese and I often think that all that has happened since Dr. George Smith was consecrated in Canterbury Cathedral on May 29th, 1849, as first Bishop of Victoria with the oversight of all the work of the Church of England in China and Japan is an encouragement to us to persevere in the work committed to us, in spite of temporary checks and difficulties.

For since these early days a Church has come into being in China as we are reminded this week by the presence in our midst of fifteen Bishops, and Delegates from ten out of the eleven Dioceses which make up the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui. A Church not wholly independent yet it is true but well on its way towards independence.

And a Church has come into being in Japan.

And since these early days Hongkong itself has been transformed from a barren rocky island frequented by a few fishermen and pirates to what a Secretary of State at the British Imperial Conference in 1923 has described as the largest seaport in the world.

GREAT CHANGES.

It is rather more than three years since I landed in Hongkong as the sixth Bishop of Victoria and the changes that I have witnessed seem to me to be a prelude of the yet greater changes that are to be.

It does not fall within my scope to-day to speak in any detail of the work in the Diocese as a whole but rather of the Colonial work. But before I proceed to do this I should like to say that looking for a moment at the work as a whole there has been undoubted progress during the past three years.

I am aware there have been setbacks too; due in part in some cases to the unrest in the colony. For instance in the matter of Confessions. In my first year I confirmed 329, last year I confirmed only 200. In all I have confirmed 850 since my arrival here. In the neighbouring Diocese of Fukien the confirmation figures are very much higher, due in no small measure, as I believe to a considerably larger staff of workers.

But though there have been setbacks, yet on the whole substantial progress has been made. And I would like to put on record here how much we owe to the indefatigable labours of Archdeacon Barnett, whose absence on account of ill-health we all so deeply deplore. It is due to his initiative that three of our Church educational institutions have been erected in this Colony, namely St. Stephen's College, St. Stephen's College for Girls, and St. John's Hostel, and again it is due to him that Holy Trinity College has been erected in Canton.

PROGRESS MADE.

(And in our Church as a whole progress I am sure is being made.

When I return to England I do not expect to find things where they were four years ago when I was there last; and if I were to visit the different countries of the world and examine the Church life there I am sure I should have to say the same. That everywhere in spite of much apparent failure and glaring limitations there is life and the development which comes of life.

I do not think that the world we have to face is to be met by any merely static habit of mind. Hope is the true temper of life and we must face our work with hope. It seems to me that the Church of England has always left room for development; in its essence it refuses to be static though often it has lagged behind.

The main subject is to occupy us to-day is the consideration of where our Church has failed; and of the question whether we shall plan to have next year, or the year following, a Mission of Help such as they had in India a year ago:

I am confident that the consideration of such subjects can do nothing but good because a right understanding of a situation is a first step towards effective action.

I have been reading recently a book entitled "India and the Church" being impressions of the members of the Mission of Help. The book is published by the S.P.C.K.

What one of the missionaries writes is that if they had started the Mission with the experience they had gained by the end of the mission it would have been to the great gain of their work.

THE WORLD'S PROBLEM.

This book begins with a paper by the Bishop of Winchester on the "Spiritual Responsibility of Empire" in which he insists that our problem is fundamentally the problem of the whole world, namely "is it possible to create a world commonwealth consisting of many races, many nations, many degrees of civilization, yet united in a larger loyalty than anything local or regional, subject to one law, keeping one peace"; and in which he also quotes the words of Walter Page, the great American Ambassador, on the need for a growing comradeship between the members of the Anglo-Saxon race East and West. "As the world stands" Walter Page says, "The United States and Great Britain must work together and stand together. The thing, the only thing, is a perfect understanding between the English speaking peoples; that is necessary and that is all that is necessary. Possibly the words of Walter Page are an exaggerated statement but I think most reasonable people will acknowledge that they are substantially true. Later in the book there is an article, a very fresh and vivid article, by the Dean of Manchester, Dr. Gough McCormick on "The Englishman in India". As I read this article it seemed to me that the problem of the Britisher in India was not unlike the problem of the Britisher in Hongkong or China. Father Waggett has an article on "The Intellectual Environment", Miss Higson, one on "The social application of Christianity" and the Metropolitan of India a very useful article on "The Mission of Help" in which he speaks of the scope of the Mission, the preparations made, and in which he also pays a warm tribute to the work done by Miss Higson and the other lady missionaries.

COLONIAL CHURCH WORK.

There are other articles scarcely less interesting but I have not time to refer to them now. I would commend this book for the study of all interested in the problems of our Colonial life.

If it is decided that there should be a Mission of Help my hope would be that it will mark a real advance in the effectiveness and vitality, intellectually, socially, and spiritually, of our Church in the Far East. I think the time has come for us to reconsider and perhaps reconstruct some of the Colonial Church work.

There are certain special difficulties that must frankly be faced in our Colonial Church life. One is due to the changing population—

In three years here I have seen two Vice-Chancellors of the University and one Acting Vice-Chancellor; three General Officers Commanding the troops in the China command; while of the six ladies who were originally appointed as Diocesan Secretaries of the V.D.A. only one, Lady Severn, still remains in the Colony.

Another fact that has to be faced is that Sunday is undoubtedly looked upon as a general holiday for sport rather than as a day of worship. Young men, and women too, coming out here observe that only a minority go to Church they say little about it but it affects the life nevertheless.

While I say this I ought also to say that I do not for a moment consider that the European in the Far East is less religious than the European at home. There too there is a lack of social life in the Church—it may be that this is provided for so ample in other directions that there is not felt to be a great need for it here also. I am not clear about this but I am sure that we ought to endeavour to build up a more corporate life and that we can

do by team work what can never be accomplished by purely individual effort. In a boat race eight men can never beat a crew.

THE WOMAN'S WORK.

Then too, I would like to see the strengthening of our women's work. In a day when there is a woman Secretary of State we may say the same. That everywhere in spite of much apparent failure and glaring limitations there is life and the development which comes of life.

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It seems to me that the Church of England has always left room for development; in its essence it refuses to be static though often it has lagged behind.

And I would like to take this opportunity of thanking those laymen who so generously give their services as members of the different Church bodies and on the governing bodies of our different educational Institutions. Their help means much.

During the three years I have been in Hongkong the following buildings have been erected, dedicated, or donated—the Cathedral Hall dedicated soon after my arrival and already proving so great a boon to our work.

The Church of Our Saviour, Canton, where we hope also soon to have a Parochial Hall and House for the Chinese clergyman in charge, a new building for St. Stephen's Girls' College, a new block at St. Paul's College; a residence for the senior Chaplain; an In-Patients block for the hospital at Yunnanfu.—St. Stephen's Church enlarged; the Chapel at Macao renovated; and St. Andrews' Parochial Hall, Kowloon enlarged.

We are hoping shortly to see erected new buildings for the Diocesan Boys' School, St. Stephen's College, and St. Paul's Girls' School.

BIGGER STAFFS.

I should like also to see provision made for a small Diocesan Office; and, reverting to the matter of personnel, I should like to see provision made for a Diocesan Chaplain who should be attached to the Cathedral staff, act as Domestic Chaplain to the Bishop, and visit the outports. I believe that given a man with initiative there would be real scope for such a worker. I have often thought that there is ample room for a third clergyman at the Cathedral. There is all the travellers passing through all the different groups of people to be kept in touch with, all the pastoral preaching and press work which needs to be done.

Certain conditions have been laid down, one being that the players must be Middle School graduates.

The plan is to leave China about the middle of June and spend two months in travel and two months in playing.

The South China Athletic Association has been approached and asked to discuss the matter. It has been intimated that football clothes will be provided by the National Committee, but the players will receive no personal effects or pocket money. The rest of the players will come from the colleges and universities in North, East, and Central China.

The question of sending Chinese athletes and teams to the National

Athletic Championships to be held at Wuchang, in Hupeh province, during May, is also under consideration.

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THE FUTURE.

And now as we face the future with all its boundless possibilities for expansion there comes to my mind the figure of that intrepid traveller General Perini pressing on and on along the borders of Tibet and as he journeyed there travelling out into the Great Beyond. It seems to me that if this spirit of hope and purpose and unflinching steadfastness is given to us we have the chance of doing work here which may well challenge all our powers. And after all, the one basis for all spiritual advance is prayer. No advance that is worth anything can come in any other way. Therefore let us keep the vision and press on. The big man needs something big to measure himself against and he will have no quarrel because his task is big. But what he pits against the odds that oppose him is not himself but the immeasurable might of God and in quiet confidence he can afford to be patient and to wait.

At the open session, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Molony (Chekiang) will speak on "What is meant by a Mission of Help?" "Do we need one in the Far East?" and the Rt. Rev. Bishop Ferguson-Davies (Singapore) on "Some Practical Suggestions."

CHINESE FOOTBALLERS.

INVITED TO TOUR NEW ZEALAND.

It is reported that following upon the recent tour of Chinese soccer players in Australia, another invitation has been received from the New Zealand Football Association. The invitation has been tentatively accepted, and enquiries are being made for available players. Probably 17 will be sent, of which number Hongkong is being asked to contribute five. The manager will be selected by Dr. Gray, Physical Director, of the Y.M.C.A., who will be in charge of the arrangements.

Certain conditions have been laid down, one being that the players must be Middle School graduates. The plan is to leave China about the middle of June and spend two months in travel and two months in playing.

The South China Athletic Association has been approached and asked to discuss the matter. It has been intimated that football clothes will be provided by the National Committee, but the players will receive no personal effects or pocket money. The rest of the players will come from the colleges and universities in North, East, and Central China.

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The University Great Hall was artistically decorated on the occasion of the annual concert of Eliot Hall, held on Saturday at 8 p.m. There was a large audience, who showed their keen appreciation of the various items by their frequent requests for encores.

The success of the entertainment was due chiefly to the happy co-operation of the Warden, Mr. A. H. Fenwick, the Chairman, Mr. T. O. Yeow; and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. B. T. Khan, who were ably supported by the Concert Committee.

Before the commencement of the concert, Mr. Yeow extended a warm welcome to the guests of the evening on behalf of his fellow residents of the hostel. He said that it was their aim to depart from the usual run of hostel concerts, and to present to the best of their ability an entertainment of a purely Chinese character, so that they might introduce their new Vice-Chancellor into the atmosphere of a Chinese variety entertainment.

With the exception of the overtures by the orchestra, which was under the capable direction of Mr. A. G. Gay, all the items were of a Chinese nature.

Thanks have to be accorded to Messrs. Yau Hok-chau and Ho Lautong for the Cantonese musical items, and to the members of the

Swatow Students' Association for the Chiu-chow music.

Perhaps the most popular item of the evening was the sketch, written and directed by Messrs. W. S. Chung and C. W. Chan. Mr. Chung, as the illiterate villager, gave the audience a most humorous representation of that character.

The dragon-show, as was down in the programme, was indeed "some excitement."

The Vice-Chancellor was then called upon to speak. In a brief but witty speech, Mr. Hornell, on behalf of the audience, thanked those responsible for the concert, especially the artists, for the evening's enjoyable entertainment.

Last, but not least, must be mentioned the dance held in the Union Building after the concert. Contributed.

London, March 8. In the national cross country championship at Doncaster over a distance of ten miles, the going was heavy. Corp. Cottrell (Royal Corps Signals) won in 36mins. 54secs. E. Harper (Hallamshire Harriers) was second in 56mins. 54secs. J. Webster (Birchfield Harriers) third in 57mins. 6secs.

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OMINOUS OUTLOOK.

TROUBLE FROM WITHIN
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(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Kongmoon, March 8.

War clouds are hanging thickly over the southern borders of the four districts forming the hinterland of Kongmoon and an ominous outlook prevails in the situation here. Not only is there the danger of attack from the anti-Sun faction which is threatening from the southern peninsula of Ko-Lui, but recent events portend an outbreak of fighting here, between Dr. Sun's adherents. The latter is due to several reasons, the most prominent of which are:

Over 5,000 additional troops have arrived here making the total about 10,000 directly under ten different commanders who exercise powers more or less absolute. General Hau Shung-chi, one time Dr. Sun's biggest Cantonese military supporter, is gradually forcing his way into the district and he is looked upon as preparing Kongmoon for a base on which Dr. Sun could fall back should Canton become untenable. Other denominations are those of Admiral Fung Shiu-ming, the Coastal Defence Commissioner, and General Li Chai-sum, Defence Commissioner of the Sze Yap districts. Then there is Leung Hung-kai who leads the 1st division of Cantonese troops and Yeung Kam-lung with a brigade under his control. Other lesser military leaders are Leung Shiu-fung and Leung Teuk-kuk. Admiral Chan Chak's subordinate—Chan Sik-kin—has been promoted brigadier-general. Commanders who have their troops at a little distance from this minor metropolis are Li Fook-jum, Chau Chi-ching and Mok Hung.

Although they are all professedly loyal to Dr. Sun, they collect and retain for themselves any revenues that may be forthcoming and it is Dr. Sun's wish that they should be under one control which will ensure the revenue being sent to Canton.

The popular feels that there is not sufficient room for all these factions and the time is not far off when the bigger ones will attempt to drive out or assimilate the smaller ones. One method for which there are precedents is the disarming of rival corps so as to remove them from power.

From Chek-hom has come the report that thousands of brigands are converging on Hop Shan in the Yan Ping district, 20 miles from Chek-hom. Every day sees detachments of troops passing through Kongmoon on their way to the Yan Ping-Yeung Kong borders.

Evils attendant on the assembly of troops, are the press-gangs which have been particularly active at Sun-cheong. At San Wu city, those who venture out of doors after dark are considered brave men, since robbery and kidnapping are becoming daily events.

Political Changes.

On the political side is the announcement that the magistrates of Sunning, Hokshan and Hoiping, have been ordered to exchange positions with one another. Lau Chu-po, the Hoiping magistrate is known as a reformer as he suppressed the prostitution evil while at Sunning.

There seems little possibility that the order will be obeyed as Lau is reported sick at Canton.

Miscellaneous Notes.

At Pak-ka, the splendid building in course of erection on the top of the hill, for the Commissioner of Customs, is to be completed shortly when the Commissioner will take up his residence there.

The small-pox epidemic here is still prevalent although the number of known fatalities is comparatively small. Doctors are busy vaccinating.

General Li Chai-sum has returned to Shiu-hing.

Paris, March 8.—M. Poincaré, in a three hour speech in the Chamber, reiterated that France would only give up the Ruhr proportionately to payments and after total payment. He had strong hopes that French policy would not be contradicted by the experts. If the unity of the Allied front was re-established, Germany would carry out her obligations, and there was every chance of a general settlement being speedily put into operation.—Reuter.

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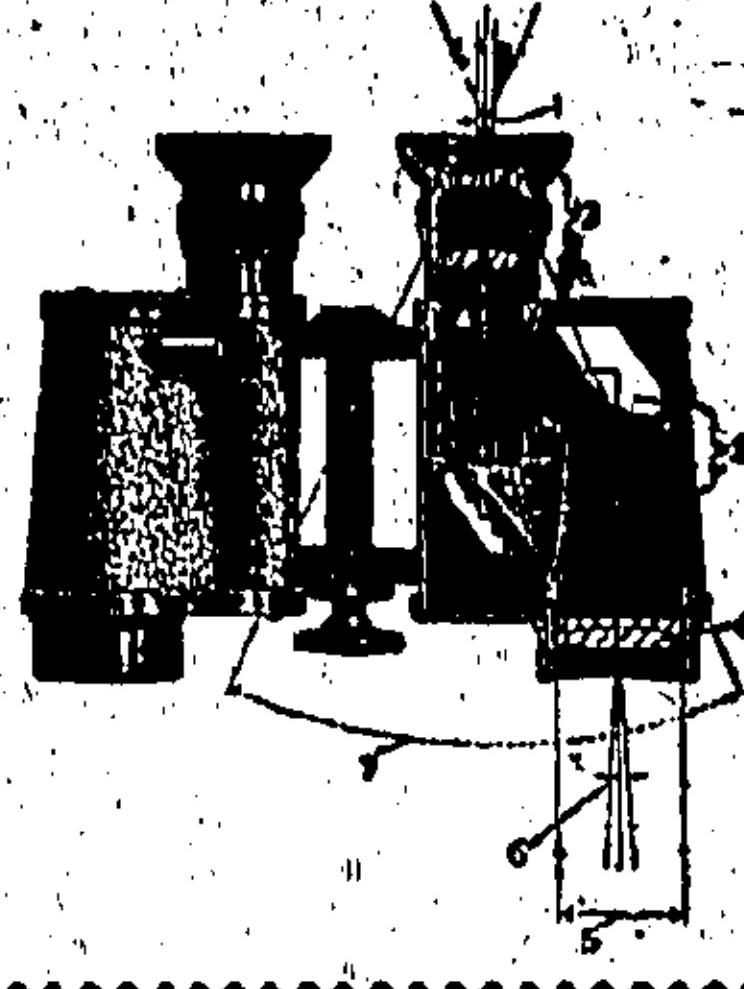
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NAVAL OIL LEASES:

LATEST SENSATIONAL CHARGES.

WASHINGTON, March 9.

Testifying before the Oil Com-

mittee Senator Curtis denied Mr.

I. R. A. Bennett's statement that

the word "principal" in the tele-

gram to Mr. McLean referred to him.

The Committee later investigating

the Attorney-General's adminis-

tration subpoenaed witnesses from

the southwest to be asked about

American oil interests promoting

the present revolution in Mexico.

Senator Wheeler stated that he

expected to prove that Mrs.

Doheny, Fall and Sinclair had

participated in the conspiracy to

further the revolt.—Reuter's

American Service.

Aligarh, March 8.—Mahamed

Ali, the Moslem leader, in a

speech protested vigorously

against the action of the Turks in

deposing the Khalif, declaring that

they had no authority to do so, and

predicting civil war in Turkey.—

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SATURDAY'S YACHTING.

HEAVY WEATHER TESTS GEAR.

SINGAPORE SHELVED.

ADMIRALTY ACCBPTS CABINET'S DECISION.

first to suffer. The paper adds that if there is to be no immediate progress in the work undertaken at Singapore, there must at least be no irrevocable reversal of the policy.—Reuter.

LONDON, March 7.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and

Earl Beatty have met and it is

reported that the Premier explained

that the Singapore dock scheme

could not proceed in the present

state of the nation's finances. Lord

Admiralty made it clear that the Admiralty accepted this decision.

This dispenses of the possibility

of Naval resignations. The Gov-

ernment's decision is obviously

regretted. The Times, which sets

forth at length the naval and com-

mercial qualifications possessed

by Singapore, says that happily

there is at present no probability

that any warlike action will be

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AMERICAN OIL SENSATION.



Mr. Silas H. Strawn, Republican of Chicago, appointed special counsel to prosecute the Government's case from the Naval oil inquiry.

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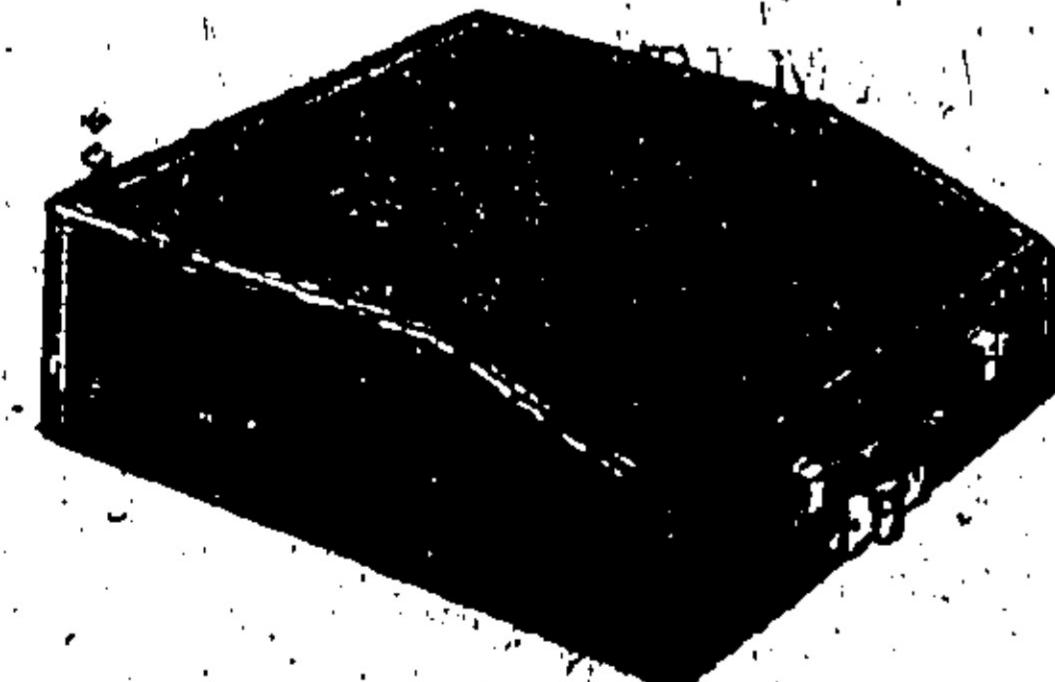
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There are some historic presents, no doubt. There was the barrel of oysters sent to Jeffreys in the Tower which, when opened, was found to contain a halter. There was the legacy of £10,000 which old Sarah Duchess of Marlborough left to Chatham "for the noble defence he made for the support of the laws of England and to prevent the ruin of his country." And this gift was supplemented by estate from another source later on.

One is not sure whether the Duke of Wellington should be included in the list, though his complaint of having been "much exposed to authors" suggests that many books seeking his patronage were offered to him. There was the romantic story of Mrs. Bridges Wiliams and the envelope containing a banknote for a thousand pounds which she pressed into Disraeli's hand at the famous assignation by the fountain at the Great Exhibition. "Miscellany" has mentioned recently a gift of costly cigars to Harcourt, and Mr. Lloyd George has had a similar gift.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

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Sitilia, (P. & O.) from Singapore.
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Kobe—B7.

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Suyang, (B. & S.) from Amoy.

Chuan, (B. & S.) from Swatow.

On Stonecutters'—

Borneo Maru, (O. S. K.) from
Singapore—Kowloon Wharf.

DEPARTURES.

Lorenstein, (Nemacez) for Saigon.

—March 10.

Hydrangea, (Chio On) for
Swatow.—March 10.

Tai Leo, (Yee Tai Hoag) for
Foochow.—March 10.

Lima Maru, (N. Y. K.) for Shang-
hai.—March 10.

Empor, (B. & S.) for Singa-
pore.—March 10.

Elpanor, (B. & S.) for Singa-
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Corona, (Dowdell) for Chiaw-
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FRIDAY, MARCH 14. EUROPE via Negotiator (Letters only London 14th Feb.) Glenallock

SUNDAY, MARCH 16. U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai Pres. Wilson

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OUTWARD MAIIS.

PER

MONDAY, MARCH 10. PER

Samshui and Wuchow. Tsimling, 4:30 p.m.
Amoy and Foochow. Eldeston, 5 p.m.
Salson. Devawongse, 5 p.m.
Saigon. Mingyang, 5 p.m.
Japan. Fookeung, 5 p.m.
Amoy. Afraria, 5 p.m.
Swatow. Kirching, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11. New Mathilda, 8:45 a.m.
Haihong, 8:30 a.m.
Haihong and Haiphong. Yundan, 8:30 a.m.
Salson. Telemachus, 8:30 a.m.
Saigon. Vassili, 10:30 a.m.
Shanghai. Nelicor, 11:30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow. Haifong, Noon.
Swatow and Bangkok. Hongkong, 1 p.m.
Swatow and Bangkok. Tsimlung, 1 p.m.
Swatow. Faung, 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12. Chakoo Maru, 9:30 a.m.
Samfana. Chakoo Maru, 9:30 a.m